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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

Olivier DE LACHARRIERE, et al.

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment with Marked-Up Copy of Amended Claims in the above-identified application.

- No additional fee is required
- Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.
- Additional documents filed herewith: Letter to Official Draftsman; One Sheet of Formal Drawing (Fig. 1 & 2)

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USE OF DHEA OR PRECURSORS OR METABOLIC DERIVATIVES THEREOF AS A DEPIGMENTING AGENT

AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action dated December 12, 2001, Applicants respectfully

request reconsideration in view of the following amendment and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-11.

Please amend Claim 12 as follows:

12. (Amended) A method of depigmenting and/or bleaching of the skin and/or to

improving the homogeneity of the color of the skin, comprising applying DHEA or at least

one biological precursor thereof or metabolic derivative thereof to the skin, wherein the

metabolic derivative thereof is selected from the group consisting of 5-androstene-36,176-

diol, 5-androstene-3β,17β-diol sulfate and 4-androstene-3,17-dione.

Please amend Claim 23 as follows:

23. (Amended) A method of pro-pigmenting superficial body growths, comprising

applying DHEA or at least one biological precursor thereof or metabolic derivative thereof to

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